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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET,
Washington, DC, January 3, 2005.

Hon. JEFF TRANDAHL,
Clerk of the House, U.S. House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. TRANDAHL:

Pursuant to Clause 1(d) of House Rule XI, I am pleased to transmit a report on the activities of the Committee on the Budget during the 108th Congress.

Sincerely,

JIM NUSSLE, *Chairman.*

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Mr. NUSSLE of Iowa, from the Committee on the Budget,
submitted the following

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JURISDICTION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee on the Budget was established by the Congressional Budget Act of 1974. The committee has been responsible for developing and reporting the annual congressional budget resolution, for assembling and reporting any reconciliation legislation required by that resolution, and working on the congressional budget process. In the 105th Congress, its jurisdiction was expanded to include budget process, generally.

The main purpose of the budget resolution is to provide an overall framework and plan for congressional action on spending and revenue legislation. It sets ceilings on total budget authority and outlays and a floor on total revenues. It also allocates spending authority to the appropriations committees and among the various authorizing committees of the House and Senate that have jurisdiction over direct spending programs. The limits and allocations set by the budget resolution are enforced through points of order in the House and Senate.

The budget reconciliation process is used when changes in entitlement or tax law are needed to implement the plan set out in the budget resolution. The process begins with the inclusion of “reconciliation instructions” in the budget resolution. These instructions direct the appropriate authorizing committees to report legislation revising programs under their jurisdiction to change projected spending by specified amounts. They may also direct the tax-writing committees to report legislation revising tax law to change revenues by specified amounts.

In response to reconciliation instructions, the various committees report their legislative recommendations to the Budget Committee. The Budget Committee then assembles the legislation into an omnibus legislative package without making any substantive revisions for consideration by the House. The Budget Committee not only has jurisdiction over budget resolutions and reconciliation bills, it has legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget.

When the House of Representatives adopted Rules for the 104th Congress (H.Res. 6) on January 5, 1995, the Budget Committee achieved for the first time legislative jurisdiction over major elements of the congressional budget process and various statutory controls over the Federal budget. In adopting the Rules of the House of Representatives for the 105th Congress (H.Res. 5) on January 7, 1997, the Budget Committee extended its legislative jurisdiction even further to cover not only the congressional budget process but all budget process in general. The committee's jurisdictional statement, House Rule X, clause 1(d), now reads as follows:

(1) Concurrent resolutions on the budget (as defined in section 3(4) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974), other matters required to be referred to the committee under titles III and IV of that Act, and other measures setting forth appropriate levels of budget totals for the United States Government.

(2) Budget process generally.

(3) Establishment, extension, and enforcement of special controls over the Federal budget, including the budgetary treatment of off-budget Federal agencies and measures providing exemption from reduction under any order issued under part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

Under subparagraph (d)(1), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over both budgetary levels and budgetary concepts. And under subparagraph (d)(2), the Budget Committee has primary jurisdiction over the budget process, as well as, secondary jurisdiction over purely procedural aspects of the congressional budget process. Finally under subparagraph (d)(3), the Budget Committee has exclusive jurisdiction over the establishment, extension, and enforcement of mandatory and discretionary spending limits, PAYGO requirements, and other special budgetary mechanisms to control spending, the deficit, or the Federal budgets, including the sequestration process.

In addition to its legislative duties, the Budget Committee continues to have responsibilities for oversight and studies. These responsibilities include oversight of the Congressional Budget Office; study of the outlay effects of existing and proposed legislation; study of off-budget entities; study of tax expenditures; and study of proposals to improve and facilitate the congressional budget process.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET CYCLE

The committee began consideration of the congressional budget for fiscal year 2004 on March 12, 2003, with the markup of the Fiscal Year 2004 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, H. Con. Res.

95. Out of the 34 amendments that were offered, only 2 were adopted.

Mr. Edwards, Mr. Schrock, Mrs. Capps, Mr. Thornberry, Mr. Brown, Mr. Crenshaw and Mr. Scott offered an amendment to increase BA and outlays for Function 500 to reflect sufficient funding to maintain Impact Aid services at the 2003 level. The levels are as follow BA: 2004: \$223; outlays: 2004: \$201; 2005: \$9; 2006: \$7; 2007: \$4; (millions for fiscal year). The amendment was agreed to by a roll call vote of 42 ayes and 1 no.

Mr. Nussle offered an amendment that consisted of two revisions to the legislative text. The first replaced reconciliation instructions to the Ways and Means Committee and the Energy and Commerce Committee with instructions combining required savings with funds for Medicare modernization. It included a special rule to ensure a required role of savings. The second revision inserts a contingency procedure that would adjust the levels of the budget resolution to accommodate increased spending for highways if offset by a reduction in direct spending or an increase in other resources. The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 95, House Report 108–37, was filed on March 17, 2003.

On March 19, 2003, the Committee on Rules reported a rule (H.Res. 151, H.Rept. 108–44) providing for the consideration of the concurrent budget resolution. After the debate, no further consideration of the budget resolution would be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

The rule considered an amendment in the nature of a substitute offered by the chairman of the Budget Committee to be adopted, and allowed the consideration of four alternative budgets: the Hill/Moore/Stenholm/Turner Blue Dog Substitute; the Toomey Republican Study Committee Substitute; the Owens/Cummings/Kucinich/Lee Congressional Black Caucus/Congressional Progressive Caucus Substitute; and the Spratt Democratic Substitute. The Chairman's amendment in the nature of a substitute eliminates across-the-board savings that could be attributable to Medicare, which increases the BA and outlay totals for Medicare (Function 570) by \$200 billion over 10 years, as well as the aggregate levels of BA and outlays. It also increases interest, debt, and the deficits relative to the Committee-reported bill. Reinstates a separate 10-year allocation for Medicare, which can accommodate a bill reported by either Ways and Means or Energy and Commerce. Reinstates a reserve fund for Medicare, which fences off \$400 billion for Medicare modernization and prescription drug coverage. Gets to balance in 2012, with a surplus of \$21 billion. Increases discretionary BA for veterans (Function 700) by \$844 million in fiscal year 2004. Adds findings and purpose language to reconciliation instructions to emphasize the congressional intent that the savings are to come from eliminating waste, fraud, and abuse. Reconciles savings to 13 committees. Modifies across-the-board reduction to correct for error in agriculture baseline (this correction lowers the amount of savings required of most committee to achieve a 1-percent reduction from fiscal year 2003). Reduces outlays levels in transportation (Function 400) because the Committee-reported resolution overstates the increase in outlays necessary to reach CBO's baseline. Corrects

contract authority levels in reserve fund for highways (Section 311), which were overstated in reported resolution.

H.Res. 151 was passed by the House on March 20, 2003. Under the terms of H.Res. 151, the House considered the H. Con. Res. 95 on March 20, 2003. All four alternative budgets made in order were defeated on recorded votes; and the budget resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote (215–212).

H. Con. Res. 95 was amended by the Senate and passed under unanimous consent on March 26, 2003; and on April 1, 2003, the House agreed to a conference with the Senate on the budget resolution. Mr. Nussle, Mr. Shays and Mr. Spratt were appointed as conferees by the House on April 1, 2003. The conferees agreed to a conference report, H.Rept. 108–71. The House agreed to the conference report on April 11, 2003, by a recorded vote (216–211) and the Senate agreed to the conference report the same day.

Section 201 of the House reported resolution instructed 13 authorizing committees to reduce spending by 1-percent in programs, projects, or activities within their jurisdiction in fiscal year 2004, the period from fiscal year 2004 through 2008, and the period from fiscal year 2004 through 2013. With the exception of the Committee on Science, all authorizing committees complied with the instructions and reported findings.

Section 201 of the conference report differed from the House reported resolution. It set forth reconciliation instructions for the Committee on Ways and Means to report legislation by May 8, 2003 to stimulate economic growth and to simplify and reform the tax system. The committee must reduce the total level of revenues by not more than \$535.0 billion for the period of fiscal years 2003 through 2013, and to increase direct spending related to tax policy changes by \$15.0 billion over 2003–2013. Section 201(b) of the Conference Agreement instructs the Senate Finance Committee to report legislation by May 8, 2003 to reduce revenues by \$522.524 billion over 2003–2013 and to increase direct spending related to tax policy changes by \$27.476 billion over 2003–2013.

Chairman Thomas introduced H.R. 2, To provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201 of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2004, on February 27, 2003. The House agreed to H.R. 2 on May 9, 2003 by a recorded vote (222–203). The Senate considered the reconciliation bill on May 15, 2003; and agreed to the bill with an amendment on May 15 by a recorded vote (51–49). The House agreed to a conference on May 22, 2003. The conference committee agreed to a conference report (H.Rept. 108–126), that the House agreed to on May 23, 2003, by a recorded vote (231–200). The Senate agreed to the conference report on the same day also by a recorded vote (51–50). The bill became Public Law 108–27 when the President signed the bill on May 28, 2003.

FISCAL YEAR 2005 BUDGET CYCLE

The congressional budget cycle commenced on March 11, 2004, with the markup of the Fiscal Year 2005 Concurrent Resolution on the Budget, H. Con. Res. 393. Out of 33 amendments offered, only 2 were adopted.

Ms. Brown-Waite offered an amendment to increase function 700 by the following amounts: For fiscal year 2004: \$0 in budget authority; and \$0 in outlays; for fiscal year 2005: \$200 million in

budget authority; and \$100 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2006: \$201 million in budget authority; and \$168 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2007: \$202 million in budget authority; and \$190 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2008: \$203 million in budget authority; and \$198 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2009: \$204 million in budget authority; and \$201 million in outlays. The amendment also decreased funding in function 800 by the following amounts: For fiscal year 2004: \$0 in budget authority; and \$0 in outlays; for fiscal year 2005: \$200 million in budget authority; and \$100 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2006: \$201 million in budget authority; and \$168 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2007: \$202 million in budget authority; and \$190 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2008: \$203 million in budget authority; and \$198 million in outlays; for fiscal year 2009: \$204 million in budget authority; and \$201 million in outlays. The amendment offered by Ms. Brown-Waite was agreed to by a voice vote.

Mr. Nussle offered an amendment in the nature of a substitute to reduce revenue and increase budget authority and obligation limits in function 400 to reflect technical changes in the contingency procedure for surface transportation.

The amendment was agreed to by voice vote.

The report accompanying House Concurrent Resolution 393, House Report 108-441, was filed on March 19, 2004.

The Committee on Rules reported a rule (H.Res. 574, H.Rept. 108-446) providing for the consideration of the concurrent budget resolution. The rule allowed the consideration of four alternative budgets: the Scott/Cummings Congressional Black Caucus Substitute; the Hill/Stenholm Blue Dog Substitute, the Hensarling Republican Study Committee Substitute; and the Spratt Democratic Substitute. The House passed H.Res. 574 on March 25, 2004.

Under the terms of H.Res. 574, the House considered H. Con. Res. 393 on March 25, 2004. All four alternative budgets made in order were defeated on recorded vote, and the budget resolution was agreed to by a recorded vote (215-212). On March 12, 2004 S. Con. Res. 95, the companion measure to H. Con. Res. 393, was passed in the Senate by a recorded vote of (51-45). On March 29, 2004, the House passed S. Con. Res. 95 with amendment, and on March 30, 2004 the House agreed to a conference with the Senate on the budget resolution. The conference report, H.Rept. 108-498, was filed on May 19, 2004. On May 19, 2004, the conference report was passed by the House. The Senate did not bring up the conference report for a vote. As a result, the Congress never adopted the budget resolution for fiscal year 2005.

The rule for consideration of the conference report in the House, H.Res. 649, which passed the House on May 19, 2004 contained a special provision. The provision provided that upon adoption in the House of the conference report to accompany S.Con. Res. 95, and until a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 was adopted by the Congress: (1) the provisions of the conference report and its joint explanatory statement shall have force and effect in the House; and (2) for purposes of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the conference report shall be considered adopted by the Congress. A similar provision for the Senate was included as Section 14007 in the conference report on H.R. 4613, the Defense Appropriations Act for FY2005, which President Bush signed into law on

August 5, 2004, as P.L. 108–287. This meant that congressional budget controls under the Budget Act could be enforced.

On March 16, 2004, Chairman Nussle introduced H.R. 3973, a bill to amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go controls through fiscal year 2009, which was referred to the Committee on the Budget. The committee held a mark-up session on March 17, 2004 and by voice vote ordered the bill reported. The accompanying report was H.Rept. 108–442. In addition, on June 23, 2004 Chairman Nussle introduced H.R. 4663, a bill to amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish discretionary spending limits and a pay-as-you-go requirement for mandatory spending. On June 24, 2004, H.R. 4663 was considered by the House pursuant to rule H.Res. 692. H.R. 4663 was defeated by a roll call vote (146–268) on June 25, 2004.

OTHER LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

H.Res. 5, the organizing resolution

The organizing resolution (H.Res. 5) adopted by the House on January 7, 2003 at the commencement of the One Hundred Eighth Congress contained several provisions related to the congressional budget process. H.Res. 5 reinstated the so-called Gephardt Rule that provided for the automatic passage of a debt-limit bill upon the House passage of a conference report on the concurrent budget resolution.

The resolution also contained several provisions relating to the enforcement of the Congressional Budget. The first provision clarified that references in section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to resolutions shall be construed in the House of Representatives as references to a joint resolution.

The second provision clarifies that section 303 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 applies to reported bills or joint resolutions considered under special order on the basis of the text made in order as an original bill or joint resolution for purpose of amendment or text on which the previous question is ordered directly to passage. The third provision clarifies that the establishment for a Federal office or position at a specified or minimum level of compensation to be funded by annual discretionary appropriations shall not be considered as providing new entitlement authority within the meaning of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974.

Discretionary spending limits for fiscal year 2004

On September 24, 2003, the House passed H.R. 3087, a bill to provide an extension of highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Section 10 of H.R. 3087 amended the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985, and TEA–21, to set discretionary spending limits for FY 2004 under the highway and mass transit categories. H.R. 3087 was enacted as Public Law 108–88 on September 30, 2003.

Discretionary spending limits for fiscal year 2005

On September 20, 2004, the House passed H.R. 5183, a bill to provide an extension of highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century. Section 10 of H.R. 5183 amended the Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985, and TEA-21, to set discretionary spending limits for FY 2005 under the highway and mass transit categories. H.R. 5183 was enacted as Public Law 108-310 on September 30, 2004.

BUDGET ENFORCEMENT

In the 108th Congress, Chairman Nussle pursued an aggressive agenda to contain non-defense spending increases to no more than 1 percent. At the time, the task seemed rather daunting given some of the increases in spending in prior Congresses. Chairman Nussle provided strong leadership and consistently objected to legislation brought before the House that violated the budget resolution. With great resolve, the Committee was able to successfully raise a number of point of order challenges against legislation that violated the budget resolution. Among the more notable challenges was the point of order that Chairman Nussle raised against H.R. 4837, a bill to provide appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, and for other purposes. Despite tremendous opposition, Chairman Nussle raised a point of order against the measure due to the content of Section 129 of the bill which sought to change existing law and constituted legislation in an appropriation bill. The point of order was sustained, that section was excised and the bill passed on July 22, 2004 in compliance with the Congressional Budget Act.

The rigorous budget enforcement can in part be attributed to early communications with authorizing and appropriations committee staff, the Rules committee and House leadership. The success is also due in no small part to the weekly committee report called "Budget Week." "Budget Week" which was first implemented during the 107th Congress and continued in the 108th Congress, reports on the budgetary implications of each bill scheduled for consideration in a given week. This report provides a quick way for Members to see the impact of proposed legislation. In the 108th Congress, the committee released 57 "Budget Weeks."

In addition to "Budget Week," the committee also produced more in depth reports on appropriations and on other bills with significant budgetary implications. The committee released 45 "Appropriations Updates" and 4 "Legislative Updates."

OVERSIGHT ACTIVITIES

The Budget Committee's oversight responsibilities are determined by both the breadth of the Federal budget and the relatively narrow focus of its legislative jurisdiction.

Under clause 1(d)(1) of House Rule X, the primary responsibility of the Budget Committee is the development of a concurrent budget resolution that sets spending and revenue levels in aggregate and across 20 budget functions. These budget functions encompass all

Federal programs or activities other than those that are defined as off-budget, such as Social Security and the Postal Service, and those that are considered nonbudgetary, such as the Federal Reserve.

Although the subject matter of the budget is inherently broad, the committee's formal oversight responsibility focuses on law governing the budget process and the agencies responsible for administering elements of those laws. Under clauses 1(d)(2) and (3) of House Rule X, the major laws falling within its oversight are the Budget and Accounting Act of 1920, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, and the Emergency Balanced Budget and Deficit Control Act of 1985. The two agencies with primary responsibility for administering elements of these laws and hence which fall under the committee's jurisdiction are the Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office.

In addition to these general oversight responsibilities, the Budget Committee has the special oversight responsibility under clause 3 of House Rule X to study the effect of budget outlays of existing and proposed legislation and to request and evaluate continuing studies of tax expenditures.

The committee met on February 4, 2003, to organize for the 108th Congress. In addition to adopting rules of procedure for the committee, the committee also adopted a written oversight plan. The oversight plan called for the committee to hold hearings in the process of developing the annual concurrent budget resolutions. The committee planned to receive testimony from Members of Congress, Cabinet-level and other Federal officials, State and local officials, and expert witnesses to review the President's budget submissions and other alternatives to programs and activities.

The committee plan specifically called for the committee to submit to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate, pursuant to Section 201(a)(2) of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the recommendation of a replacement to fill the position of Director of the Congressional Budget Office. The committee conducted an extensive search of industry and academic professionals. After careful deliberation, the committee recommended Douglas Holtz-Eakin. The recommendation of the committee was agreed to on February 5, 2003 by the Speaker of the House and the President pro tempore of the Senate. Mr. Douglas Holtz-Eakin was appointed to serve as the Director of the Congressional Budget Office for the term ending on January 3, 2007.

The oversight plan also called on the committee to oversee the Office of Management and Budget's implementation of budget submission, control, execution, and enforcement procedures under the Budget and Accounting Act of 1920, the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985, the Budget Enforcement Act of 1990, and other applicable laws. The oversight plan also called for the evaluation and study of direct spending and tax incentives policies and monetary policy and its effects on the Federal budget.

In furtherance of the committee oversight plan, the committee held 28 hearings in the 108th Congress. A list of the hearings held and the witnesses questioned can be found under the Committee Publications section of this report.

On June 18, 2003, the committee held a hearing to address the issue of waste, fraud and abuse in Federal mandatory programs. This hearing was a continuation of earlier efforts initiated by the committee during the budget resolution to find savings in Federal mandatory programs. A companion hearing was held on July 9, 2003 which provided a closer look with Inspectors General addressing waste, fraud, and abuse in Federal mandatory programs.

During the 108th Congress, the committee received five General Accounting Office reports pursuant to requests made by the chairman:

1. January 2003, Long-Term Commitments: Improving the Budgetary Focus on Environmental Liabilities, GAO-03-219.
2. January 2003, Fiscal Exposures: Improving the Budgetary Focus on Long-Term Costs and Uncertainties, GAO-03-213.
3. August 2003, DOD Contract Payments: Management Action Needed to Reduce Billions in Adjustments to Contract Payment Records, GAO-03-727.
4. March 2004, Department of Education's Federal Direct Loan Program: Status of Recommendations to Improve Cost Estimates and Presentation of Updated Cash Flow Information, GAO-04-567R.
5. August 2004, STUDENT CONSOLIDATION LOANS: Further Analysis Could Lead to Enhanced Default Assumptions for Budgetary Cost Estimates, GAO-04-843.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY OF MEASURES ON WHICH ACTION WAS TAKEN

The following legislative measures were acted on by the Committee on the Budget or contained provisions relating to the congressional budget process.

H.RES. 5.

Sponsor—Tom DeLay [TX-22].

Date Introduced—January 7, 2003.

Title—Adopting rules for the One Hundred Seventh Congress.

January 7, 2003—Considered as privileged matter.

January 7, 2003—The previous question was ordered without objection.

January 7, 2003—Ms. Slaughter moved to commit with instructions to a Select Committee composed of the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader.

January 7, 2003—On motion to commit with instructions failed by the Yeas and Nays: 200-225 (Roll No. 3).

January 7, 2003—On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 221-203 (Roll No. 4).

January 7, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

H. CON. RES. 95

Sponsor—Jim Nussle [IA-2].

Title—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2004 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2003 and 2005 through 2013.

March 17, 2003—The House Committee on The Budget reported an original measure, H.Rept. 108-37, by Mr. Nussle.

March 19, 2003—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 25.

March 20, 2003—Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 151 Reported to House.

March 20, 2003—Rule H.Res. 151 passed House.

March 20, 2003—Considered under the provisions of rule H.Res. 151. (consideration: CR H2145–2170)

March 20, 2003—House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H.Res. 151 and Rule XXIII.

March 20, 2003—The Speaker designated the Honorable Paul E. Gillmor to act as Chairman of the Committee.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.12 Amendment in the nature of a substitute reported.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.12 On agreeing to the Rules amendment (A001) Agreed to without objection.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.13 Amendment (A002) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Hill.

March 20, 2003—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H.Rept. 108–44 and numbered one was offered as the Blue Dog substitute.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.13 On agreeing to the Hill amendment (A002) failed by recorded vote: 174–254 (Roll No. 78).

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.14 Amendment (A003) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Toomey.

March 20, 2003—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H.Rept. 108–44 and numbered two was offered as the Republican Study Committee substitute.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.14 On agreeing to the Toomey amendment (A003) failed by recorded vote: 80–342 (Roll No. 79).

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.15 Amendment (A004) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Cummings.

March 20, 2003—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H.Rept. 108–44 and numbered three was offered as the Congressional Black Caucus/Congressional Progressive Caucus substitute.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.15 On agreeing to the Cummings amendment (A004) failed by recorded vote: 85–340 (Roll No. 80).

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.16 Amendment (A005) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Spratt.

March 20, 2003—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in Part B of H.Rept. 108–44 and numbered four was offered as the Democratic substitute.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.16 Spratt amendment (A005) modified by unanimous consent.

March 20, 2003—H.AMDT.16 On agreeing to the Spratt amendment (A005) as modified failed by recorded vote: 192–236 (Roll No. 81).

March 20, 2003—Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rose leaving H. Con. Res. 95 as unfinished business.

March 21, 2003—Considered as unfinished business.

March 21, 2003—The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H. Con. Res. 95.

March 21, 2003—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

March 21, 2003—On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 215–212 (Roll No. 82).

March 21, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

March 21, 2003—Received in the Senate. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 48.

March 26, 2003—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

March 26, 2003—Senate struck all after the Resolving Clause and substituted the language of S.Con.Res. 23 amended.

March 26, 2003—Resolution agreed to in Senate in lieu of S.Con.Res.23 with an amendment by Unanimous Consent.

March 26, 2003—Senate insisted on its amendment, asks for a conference, appoints conferees Nickles; Domenici; Grassley; Gregg; Conrad; Hollings; Sarbanes.

March 26, 2003—See also S.Con.Res. 23.

March 31, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

April 1, 2003—Mr. Nussle asked unanimous consent that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference.

April 1, 2003—On motion that the House disagree to the Senate amendment, and agree to a conference agreed to without objection.

April 1, 2003—Mr. Spratt moved that the House instruct conferees.

April 1, 2003—The previous question was ordered without objection.

April 1, 2003—On motion that the House instruct conferees agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 399–22 (Roll No. 95).

April 1, 2003—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

April 1, 2003—The Speaker appointed conferees for consideration of the House concurrent resolution and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Nussle, Shays, and Spratt.

April 10, 2003—Conference report H.Rept. 108–71 filed.

April 10, 2003—Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 191 Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of the conference report to H. Con. Res. 95. All points of order against the conference report and against its consideration were waived. The conference report was considered as read and was debatable for 1 hour.

April 11, 2003—Rule H.Res. 191 passed House.

April 11, 2003—Mr. Nussle brought up conference report H.Rept. 108–71 for consideration under the provisions of H.Res. 191.

April 11, 2003—The previous question was ordered without objection.

April 11, 2003—On agreeing to the conference report agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 216–211 (Roll No. 141).

April 11, 2003—Conference papers: Senate report and manager's statement and message on House action held at the desk in Senate.

April 11, 2003—Conference report considered in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

April 11, 2003—Senate agreed to conference report by Yea-Nay Vote. 51–50. Record Vote Number: 134.

April 11, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

H. CON. RES. 393.

Sponsor—Jim Nussle [IA-2].

Title—Establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2004 and 2006 through 2009.

March 19, 2004—The House Committee on The Budget reported an original measure, H.Rept. 108-441, by Mr. Nussle.

March 19, 2004—Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 254.

March 24, 2004—Consideration initiated pursuant to a previous order.

March 24, 2004—Considered pursuant to a previous order.

March 24, 2004—The House resolved into Committee of the Whole on the state of the Union pursuant to a previous special order.

March 24, 2004—The Speaker designated the Honorable Michael K. Simpson to act as Chairman of the Committee.

March 24, 2004—Mr. Shays moved that the Committee rise.

March 24, 2004—On motion that the Committee rise agreed to by voice vote.

March 24, 2004—Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rose leaving H. Con. Res. 393 as unfinished business.

March 24, 2004—Considered as unfinished business.

March 24, 2004—The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

March 24, 2004—Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rose leaving H. Con. Res. 393 as unfinished business.

March 24, 2004—Considered as unfinished business.

March 24, 2004—The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

March 24, 2004—Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 574. Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of H. Con. Res. 393. Previous question was considered as ordered without intervening motions. Measure considered read. Specified amendments were in order.

March 24, 2004—Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rose leaving H. Con. Res. 393 as unfinished business.

March 25, 2004—Rule H.Res. 574 passed House.

March 25, 2004—Considered as unfinished business.

March 25, 2004—The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.487 Amendment (A001) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Cummings.

March 25, 2004—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in House Report 108-446 and numbered 1 was offered as the Congressional Black Caucus substitute.

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.487 On agreeing to the Cummings amendment (A001) failed by recorded vote: 119-302 (Roll No. 88).

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.488 Amendment (A002) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Stenholm.

March 25, 2004—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in House Report 108-446 and numbered 2 was offered as the Blue Dog substitute.

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.488 On agreeing to the Stenholm amendment (A002) failed by recorded vote: 183–243 (Roll No. 89).

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.489 Amendment (A003) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Hensarling.

March 25, 2004—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in House Report 108–446 and numbered 3 was offered as the Republican Study Committee substitute.

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.489 On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment (A003) failed by recorded vote: 116–309 (Roll No. 90).

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.490 Amendment (A004) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Spratt.

March 25, 2004—Amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in House Report 108–446 and numbered 4 as modified was offered as the Democratic substitute.

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.490 Spratt amendment (A004) modified by unanimous consent. Section 509 was deleted from the text of the Spratt substitute.

March 25, 2004—H.AMDT.490 On agreeing to the Spratt amendment (A004) as modified failed by recorded vote: 194–232 (Roll No. 91).

March 25, 2004—The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H. Con. Res. 393.

March 25, 2004—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

March 25, 2004—On agreeing to the resolution agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 215–212 (Roll No. 92).

March 25, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

S.CON.RES.95.

Sponsor—Sen. Don Nickles, Don [R–OK].

Title—An original concurrent resolution setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2005 and including the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2006 through 2009.

March 4, 2004—Committee on the Budget ordered to be reported an original measure.

March 5, 2004—Committee on the Budget. Original measure reported to Senate by Senator Nickles under authority of the order of the Senate of 03/04/2004. Without written report.

March 5, 2004—Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 437.

March 8, 2004—Measure laid before Senate.

March 9, 2004—Considered by Senate.

March 9, 2004—S.AMDT.2704 Amendment SA 2704 proposed by Senator Conrad. Established a 60-vote point of order against the consideration of any direct spending or revenue legislation that would increase the on-budget deficit in any fiscal year.

March 9, 2004—S.AMDT.2704 Amendment SA 2704 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 46–51. Record Vote Number: 33.

March 9, 2004—S.AMDT.2710 Amendment SA 2710 proposed by Senator Daschle. Created a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Veterans' medical care by \$2.7 billion and lower the national debt by reducing the President's tax breaks for taxpayers with incomes in excess of \$1 million a year.

March 9, 2004—S.AMDT.2710 Amendment SA 2710 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 44–53. Record Vote Number: 34.

March 10, 2004—Considered by Senate.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2719 Amendment SA 2719 proposed by Senator Murray. Fully funded the No Child Left Behind Act for fiscal year 2005 and lower the national debt by closing tax loopholes.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2719 Amendment SA 2719 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 46–52. Record Vote Number: 35.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2731 Amendment SA 2731 proposed by Senator Graham SC. Enhanced military readiness by creating a reserve fund to provide TRICARE benefits for members of the Selected Reserve of the Ready Reserve, fully offset through reductions including unobligated balances from Iraqi reconstruction, and a reserve fund to provide Montgomery GI Bill benefits to members of the Selected Reserves.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2731 Amendment SA 2731 as modified agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2735 Amendment SA 2735 proposed by Senator Byrd. Provided for consideration of tax cuts outside of reconciliation.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2742 Amendment SA 2742 proposed by Senator Warner. Increased the amounts provided for national defense for fiscal year 2005 for new budget activity and for outlays.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2748 Amendment SA 2748 proposed by Senator Feingold. Fully reinstated the pay-as-you-go requirement.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2735 Amendment SA 2735 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47–52. Record Vote Number: 36.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2742 Amendment SA 2742 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 95–4. Record Vote Number: 37.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2748 Amendment SA 2748 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51–48. Record Vote Number: 38.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2751 Amendment SA 2751 proposed by Senator Baucus. Struck the outlay reconciliation instruction to the Committee on Finance.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2705 Amendment SA 2705 proposed by Senator Voinovich. Established a 60-vote point of order relative to the Social Security Trust Fund.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2745 Amendment SA 2745 proposed by Senator Nelson FL. Created a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Veterans' medical care by \$1.8 billion by eliminating abusive tax loopholes.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2705 Proposed amendment SA 2705 withdrawn in Senate.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2745 Amendment SA 2745 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 46–51. Record Vote Number: 40.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2751 Amendment SA 2751 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 53–43. Record Vote Number: 39.

March 10, 2004—S.AMDT.2777 Amendment SA 2777 proposed by Senator Corzine. Eliminated tax breaks for those with incomes greater than \$1 million and reserve the savings to prevent future cuts in Social Security benefits.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2850 Amendment SA 2850 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Dorgan. Increased budget authority

and outlays in Function 450 (Community and Regional Development) and Function 500 (Education, Training, Employment, and Social Security) to establish a New Homestead Venture Capital Fund to make equity and near equity investments in start-up and expanding businesses located in high out-migration rural counties and to repay up to 50 percent of college loans (up to \$10,000) for recent graduates who live and work in such counties for 5 years, respectively; and expressed the sense of the Senate that any revenue measure passed by Congress in the future should include tax incentives designed to address the devastating problem of chronic out-migration from rural communities in America's Heartland and that those tax incentives should be fully offset.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2697 Amendment SA 2697 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator DeWine. Increased the new budget authority in the International Affairs function by \$330,000,000 for fiscal year 2005 to provide adequate funding for the Child Survival and Health Program, with a corresponding offset in function 920.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2715 Amendment SA 2715 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator DeWine. Increased funding to facilitate reconstruction in Haiti.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2786 Amendment SA 2786 proposed by Senator Dayton. Provided full mandatory funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) part B grants over 5 years by reducing tax breaks for the wealthiest taxpayers.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2790 Amendment SA 2790 proposed by Senator Reed. Created a reserve fund to increase funding for college and student financial aid programs, including the Pell Grant program, campus-based assistance, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership, TRIO, GEAR UP, and graduate level programs, and lower the national debt by closing tax loopholes.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2849 Amendment SA 2849 proposed by Senator Kyl. Created a reserve fund permit an increase in veteran's medical care that is fully offset with an assessment on excessive lawyer fees paid under the tobacco settlement.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2851 Amendment SA 2851 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Specter. Struck section 404.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2785 Amendment SA 2785 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Lugar. Expressed the sense of the Senate concerning summer food pilot projects.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2852 Amendment SA 2852 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Collins. Provided a deficit neutral reserve fund for Postal Service reform.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2853 Amendment SA 2853 proposed by Senator Santorum. Provided for an increase and a decrease in funding for certain programs.

March 11, 2004—Considered by Senate.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2777 Considered by Senate.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2783 Amendment SA 2783 proposed by Senator Boxer. Relative to job creation and taxes.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2789 Amendment SA 2789 proposed by Senator Sarbanes. Fully funded the FIRE and SAFER Acts and reduced tax breaks for certain individuals.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2793 Amendment SA 2793 proposed by Senator Dorgan. Increased funding for COPS, Byrne grants, and

Local Law Enforcement Block Grants, and reduced tax breaks for certain individuals.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2799 Amendment SA 2799 proposed by Senator Harkin. Provided for increased resources for medical research, disease control, wellness, tobacco cessation and preventative health efforts including substance abuse and mental health services, establishing a fund for this purpose, offset by an increase in the cigarette tax to \$1 and proportional increases in other tobacco excise taxes and deficit reduction.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2803 Amendment SA 2803 proposed by Senator Lincoln. Provided \$60 billion over 5 years for greater health security for working Americans and their families through a combination of public and private efforts to expand quality, affordable health insurance coverage and cut health care costs by eliminating certain tax loopholes.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2804 Amendment SA 2804 proposed by Senator Byrd. Provided responsible restraints on discretionary funding while providing adequate resources for education, veterans, homeland security, and other critical domestic priorities and fully offsetting the cost by closing corporate tax loopholes, improving tax enforcement and reducing tax breaks for certain individuals.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2703 Amendment SA 2703 proposed by Senator Lautenberg. Reduced debt and required the industries responsible for producing products that contaminate toxic waste sites and industries who are exempt from liability for such contamination, to help pay for the cleanup by reinstating the Superfund polluter pays fees, and to reduce the deficit.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2765 Amendment SA 2765 proposed by Senator Bingaman. Ensured that legislation is not enacted that increases the number of taxpayers affected by the alternative minimum tax.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2807 Amendment SA 2807 proposed by Senator Lieberman. Restored cuts and increased funding for homeland security programs and reduce the debt by reducing the President's tax breaks for taxpayers with incomes in excess of \$1 million a year.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2725 Amendment SA 2725 proposed by Senator Conrad for Senator Kennedy. Created a reserve fund to finance an increase in the maximum Pell Grant that keeps pace with the rate of increase in public college tuition, extend Pell Grants to 500,000 new recipients, and close certain tax loopholes.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2783 Amendment SA 2783 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 41–53. Record Vote Number: 41.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2789 Amendment SA 2789 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 41–55. Record Vote Number: 42.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2793 Amendment SA 2793 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 41–55. Record Vote Number: 44.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2703 Amendment SA 2703 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 44–52. Record Vote Number: 45.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2799 Amendment SA 2799 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 32–64. Record Vote Number: 46.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2803 Amendment SA 2803 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 43–53. Record Vote Number: 47.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2804 Amendment SA 2804 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 43–53. Record Vote Number: 48.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2765 Point of order raised in Senate with respect to amendment SA 2765.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2765 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 2765 rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 43–53. Record Vote Number: 49.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2765 Amendment SA 2765 ruled out of order by the chair.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2807 Amendment SA 2807 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay. 40–57. Record Vote Number: 50.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2725 Amendment SA 2725 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 44–53. Record Vote Number: 51.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2820 Amendment SA 2820 proposed by Senator Mikulski. Provided a deficit neutral reserve fund to provide a tuition tax credit.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2820 Amendment SA 2820 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2821 Amendment SA 2821 proposed by Senator Coleman. Provided \$1.9 billion to increase the maximum Pell Grant from \$4,050 to \$4,500 by reducing spending in other Federal Government programs, except education programs, by a commensurate amount.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2821 Amendment SA 2821 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2753 Amendment SA 2753 proposed by Senator Feinstein. Expressed the sense of the Senate regarding funding for port security.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2753 Amendment SA 2753 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2774 Amendment SA 2774 proposed by Senator Daschle. Created a reserve fund to allow for an increase in Indian Health Service Clinical Services by \$3.44 billion and lower the national debt by eliminating abusive tax loopholes or reducing tax breaks for individuals with incomes in excess of \$1 million per year.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2774 Amendment SA 2774 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 42–54. Record Vote Number: 52.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2822 Amendment SA 2822 proposed by Senator Murkowski. Increased funding for the Indian Health Services.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2822 Amendment SA 2822 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2762 Amendment SA 2762 proposed by Senator Dodd. Created a reserve fund to allow for an increase in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program by \$1 billion and lower the national debt by eliminating tax loopholes.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2762 Amendment SA 2762 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 42–54. Record Vote Number: 53.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2823 Amendment SA 2823 proposed by Senator Inhofe. Returned to the original scoring of the energy savings performance contract program.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2823 Amendment SA 2823 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2831 Amendment SA 2831 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Conrad. Expressed the sense of the Senate regarding tribal colleges and universities.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2831 Amendment SA 2831 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2833 Amendment SA 2833 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Bingaman. Established a reserve fund for expansion of the pediatric vaccine distribution program.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2833 Amendment SA 2833 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2717 Amendment SA 2717 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Wyden. Increased Investments in Implementation of the Healthy Forests Restoration Act to benefit national forests, the environment, local communities, and local economies.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2717 Amendment SA 2717 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2699 Amendment SA 2699 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Kennedy. Prevented unspent SCHIP funds from reverting to the Treasury rather than being used to provide coverage for low-income children.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2699 Amendment SA 2699 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2794 Amendment SA 2794 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Thomas. Restored discretionary funding levels for crucial rural health programs, such as the rural health outreach grant program, the rural hospital flexibility grant program, the small hospital improvement program, tele-health, trauma programs, and rural AED programs to fiscal year 2004 levels and offset this change by reductions in overall government travel expenses.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2794 Amendment SA 2794 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2810 Amendment SA 2810 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Pryor. Stated the sense of the Senate regarding the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program and the weatherization assistance program.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2810 Amendment SA 2810 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2832 Amendment SA 2832 proposed by Senator Enzi. Increased funding for the Workforce Investment Act (WA) by \$250 million in FY2005, by increasing Function 500.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2832 Amendment SA 2832 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2780 Amendment SA 2780 proposed by Senator Conrad for Senator Clinton. Established a reserve fund for addressing minority health disparities.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2780 Amendment SA 2780 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2775 Amendment SA 2775 proposed by Senator Landrieu. Provided for eliminating the Survivor Benefit Plan—Social Security offset for military widows and widowers while reducing the debt, offset by the elimination of tax benefits to individuals and corporations that avoid United States taxation by establishing a foreign domicile and other tax loopholes and tax shelters.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2784 Amendment SA 2784 proposed by Senator Crapo. Increased Funding for the Environmental Pro-

tection Agency for the Clean Water and Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Funds.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2784 Amendment SA 2784 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2837 Amendment SA 2837 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Lincoln. Prevented tax increases for families who receive the child tax credit.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2837 Amendment SA 2837 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2838 Amendment SA 2838 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Grassley. Expressed a sense of the Senate for support of funding restoration for agriculture research and extension.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2838 Amendment SA 2838 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2839 Amendment SA 2839 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Snowe. Increased funding for the SBA 7(a) loan guarantee, Microloan and other small business programs and to offset the cost of that spending through across-the-board cuts in function 920.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2839 Amendment SA 2839 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2733 Amendment SA 2733 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Sessions. Provided full funding for NASA's FY 2005 space exploration initiatives.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2733 Amendment SA 2733 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2817 Amendment SA 2817 proposed by Senator Levin. Lowered crude oil prices resulting from the cancellation of planned future deliveries of oil to the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and using the funding made available to provide \$1.7 billion in funding for homeland security grants for first responders, firefighter assistance, and port security, and to reduce the debt.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2817 Amendment SA 2817 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52–43. Record Vote Number: 54.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2840 Amendment SA 2840 proposed by Senator McConnell. Prohibited future income tax hikes on upper incomes that fail to exempt small businesses that file individual income tax returns as partnerships, sole proprietors, or subchapter S corporations.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2840 Point of order raised in Senate with respect to amendment SA 2840.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2840 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 2840 rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 51–45. Record Vote Number: 55.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2840 Amendment SA 2840 ruled out of order by the chair.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2841 Amendment SA 2841 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Hagel. Expressed the sense of the Senate on the need for a United States animal identification program as an effective disease surveillance, monitoring, and control tool serving the needs of the United States livestock industry and public health.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2841 Amendment SA 2841 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2842 Amendment SA 2842 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Santorum. To reaffirm the United States ratio for contributions to The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2842 Amendment SA 2842 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2843 Amendment SA 2843 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Hatch. To restore law enforcement assistance, and juvenile justice assistance, especially title V and JAB6 to the Department of Justice.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2843 Amendment SA 2843 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2844 Amendment SA 2844 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Dole. Expressed the sense of the Senate concerning child nutrition funding.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2844 Amendment SA 2844 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2741 Amendment SA 2741 proposed by Senator Specter. Increased discretionary health funding by \$2,000,000,000.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2741 Amendment SA 2741 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 72–24. Record Vote Number: 56.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2845 Amendment SA 2845 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Lugar. Provided for an increase and a decrease in funding for certain programs.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2845 Amendment SA 2845 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2846 Amendment SA 2846 proposed by Senator Murkowski. Increased Veterans Medical Care by \$1,200,000,000.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2846 Amendment SA 2846 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2847 Amendment SA 2847 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Grassley. Expressed the sense of the Senate regarding compensation for exposure to toxic substances at Department of Energy facilities.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2848 Amendment SA 2848 proposed by Senator Nickles for Senator Byrd. Corrected the scoring for Project Bioshield.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2847 Amendment SA 2847 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2848 Amendment SA 2848 agreed to in Senate by Unanimous Consent.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2797 Amendment SA 2797 proposed by Senator Lautenberg. Struck the provision for raising the debt limit.

March 11, 2004—S.AMDT.2797 Amendment SA 2797 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 42–54. Record Vote Number: 57.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2850 Amendment SA 2850 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2697 Amendment SA 2697 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2715 Amendment SA 2715 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2786 Amendment SA 2786 not agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2790 Amendment SA 2790 not agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2849 Proposed amendment SA 2849 withdrawn in Senate.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2851 Amendment SA 2851 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2785 Amendment SA 2785 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2852 Amendment SA 2852 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2775 Amendment SA 2775 agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2777 Proposed amendment SA 2777 withdrawn in Senate.

March 12, 2004—S.AMDT.2853 Proposed amendment SA 2853 withdrawn in Senate.

March 12, 2004—Resolution agreed to in Senate with amendments by Yea-Nay Vote. 51–45. Record Vote Number: 58.

March 16, 2004—Received in the House.

March 16, 2004—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

March 16, 2004—Held at the desk.

March 29, 2004—Mr. Nussle asked unanimous consent to take from the Speaker's table and consider.

March 29, 2004—Considered by unanimous consent.

March 29, 2004—The House struck all after the enacting clause and inserted in lieu thereof the provisions of a similar measure H. Con. Res. 393. Agreed to without objection.

March 29, 2004—On agreeing to the resolution agreed to without objection.

March 29, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table. Agreed to without objection.

March 30, 2004—Mr. Nussle asked unanimous consent that the House insist upon its amendment, and request a conference.

March 30, 2004—On motion that the House insist upon its amendment, and request a conference agreed to without objection.

March 30, 2004—Mr. Thompson (CA) moved that the House instruct conferees.

March 30, 2004—The previous question was ordered without objection.

March 30, 2004—On motion that the House instruct conferees failed by the Yeas and Nays: 209–209 (Roll No. 97).

March 30, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

March 30, 2004—The Speaker appointed conferees for consideration of the Senate concurrent resolution and the House amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Nussle, Portman, and Spratt.

March 30, 2004—Message on House action received in Senate and at desk: House amendment to Senate bill and House requested a conference.

March 31, 2004—Senate disagreed to House amendment, agreed to request for conference, and appointed conferees. Nickles; Domenici; Grassley; Gregg; Conrad; Hollings; Sarbanes.

March 31, 2004—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

March 31, 2004—Conference held.

May 5, 2004—Mr. Moore moved that the House instruct conferees.

May 5, 2004—The previous question was ordered without objection.

May 5, 2004—On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 208–215 (Roll No. 145).

May 5, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 12, 2004—Mr. Pomeroy moved that the House instruct conferees.

May 13, 2004—On motion that the House instruct conferees Failed by the Yeas and Nays: 207–211 (Roll No. 171).

May 13, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.

May 18, 2004—Mr. Stenholm moved that the House instruct conferees.

May 19, 2004—Conference report H.Rept. 108–498 filed.

May 19, 2004—Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 649 Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of the conference report to S.Con. Res. 95 with 1 hour of general debate. Upon adoption in the House of the conference report to accompany Senate Concurrent Resolution 95, and until a concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 was adopted by the Congress, the provisions of the conference report and its joint explanatory statement shall have force and effect in the House and for purposes of title III of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, the conference report shall be considered adopted by the Congress. Nothing in this section may be construed to engage rule XXVII.

May 19, 2004—Conferees agreed to file conference report.

May 19, 2004—Rule H.Res. 649 passed House.

May 19, 2004—Mr. Nussle brought up conference report H.Rept. 108–498 for consideration under the provisions of H.Res. 649.

May 19, 2004—The previous question was ordered without objection.

May 19, 2004—On agreeing to the conference report agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 216–213 (Roll No. 198).

May 19, 2004—Motions to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

May 20, 2004—Conference papers: Senate report and manager's statement and message on House action held at the desk in Senate.

H.R. 4663

Sponsor—Jim Nussle [IA–2].

Date introduced—June 23, 2004.

Title—To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish discretionary spending limits and a pay-as-you-go requirement for mandatory spending.

June 23, 2004—Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.

June 24, 2004—Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 692 Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of H.R. 4663 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question considered as ordered without intervening motions except motion to recommit with or without in-

structions. Measure considered read. Specified amendments were in order.

June 24, 2004—Rule H.Res. 692 passed House.

June 24, 2004—Considered under the provisions of rule H.Res. 692.

June 24, 2004—House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union pursuant to H.Res. 692 and Rule XVIII.

June 24, 2004—The Speaker designated the Honorable Steven C. LaTourette to act as Chairman of the Committee.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.609 Amendment (A001) offered by Mr. Brady (TX). Provided for the establishment of a Federal Sunset Commission to review all Federal agencies and programs for their efficiency, effectiveness, redundancy, and need.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.610 Amendment (A002) offered by Mr. Chocola. Sought to replace the current 20 budget functions in the budget process with a one-page budget that divides spending into five categories.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.611 Amendment (A003) offered by Mr. Castle. Sought to remove the requirement that 20 functional categories be included in the annual budget resolution; and grant the Budget Committee the discretion to include such categories as they deem appropriate.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.612 Amendment (A004) offered by Mr. Hensarling. Sought to impose a cap on the growth of mandatory spending whereby mandatory spending would grow by either CPI, the consumer price index, or the program inflator, plus new enrollees.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.613 Amendment (A005) offered by Mr. Hensarling. Sought to provide for an automatic continuing appropriations process in the event that a regular appropriations bill or joint resolution making continuing appropriations for a fiscal year has not been enacted into law.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.609 On agreeing to the Brady (TX) amendment (A001) agreed to by recorded vote: 272–140 (Roll No. 305).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.610 On agreeing to the Chocola amendment (A002) Failed by recorded vote: 126–290 (Roll No. 306).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.611 On agreeing to the Castle amendment (A003) Failed by recorded vote: 185–230 (Roll No. 307).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.612 On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment (A004) Failed by recorded vote: 96–317 (Roll No. 308).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.613 On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment (A005) Failed by recorded vote: 111–304 (Roll No. 309).

June 24, 2004—Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union rose leaving H.R. 4663 as unfinished business.

June 24, 2004—Considered as unfinished business.

June 24, 2004—The House resolved into Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.615 Amendment (A007) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Young (FL). An amendment in the nature of a substitute numbered 18 printed in House Report 108–566 to 1) required sequestration of mandatory spending in the event that OMB baseline estimates of mandatory spending exceed previous estimates due to enacted legislation; 2) required baseline

estimates to exclude emergency spending; 3) provided an exception for outlay components of certain expiring receipts legislation when making estimates of mandatory spending legislation; 4) changed the start date of the fiscal year to November 1; 5) required sunseting of all Federal programs (except earned entitlements) effective October 1, 2006, unless reauthorized prior to that date; 6) required an adjustment to Appropriations Committee 302(a) allocations to ensure that the transportation guarantees contemplated in TEALU and Vision 100 are fully met; and 7) made technical and conforming changes to the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.615 By unanimous consent, the Young (FL) amendment was withdrawn.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.616 Amendment (A008) offered by Mr. Kirk. Required the Congressional Budget Office to prepare an annual report that compares budgeted entitlement spending to actual entitlement spending for the preceding fiscal year.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.617 Amendment (A009) offered by Mr. Ryan (WI). Sought to change the current non-binding budget resolution into a joint resolution that if signed by the President would have the force of law.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.618 Amendment (A010) offered by Mr. Ryan (WI). Sought to establish a Budget Protection Mandatory Account and a Budget Protection Discretionary Account to allow Congress to target spending and redirect that spending toward deficit reduction or tax relief at the end of the fiscal year.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.619 Amendment (A011) offered by Mr. Ryan (WI). Sought to provide an enhanced rescission process for the President to propose to Congress the elimination of wasteful spending identified in appropriations bills.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.620 Amendment (A012) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Spratt. Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to replace the bill with the text of the “Budget Enforcement Act of 2004”.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.616 On agreeing to the Kirk amendment agreed to by recorded vote: 289–121 (Roll No. 310).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.617 On agreeing to the Ryan (WI) amendment (A009) failed by recorded vote: 97–312 (Roll No. 311).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.618 On agreeing to the Ryan (WI) amendment (A010) failed by recorded vote: 137–272 (Roll No. 312).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.619 On agreeing to the Ryan (WI) amendment (A011) failed by recorded vote: 174–237 (Roll No. 313).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.620 On agreeing to the Spratt amendment (A012) failed by recorded vote: 179–233 (Roll No. 314).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.621 Amendment (A013) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Hensarling. Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to replace the bill with the text of the “Family Budget Protection Act of 2004”.

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.622 Amendment (A014) in the nature of a substitute offered by Mr. Kirk. Amendment in the nature of a substitute sought to replace the bill with the text of the “Deficit Control Act of 2004.”

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.621 On agreeing to the Hensarling amendment (A013) failed by recorded vote: 88–326 (Roll No. 315).

June 24, 2004—H.AMDT.622 On agreeing to the Kirk amendment failed by recorded vote: 120–296 (Roll No. 316).

June 24, 2004—The House rose from the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union to report H.R. 4663.

June 24, 2004—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

June 24, 2004—The House adopted the amendments en gross as agreed to by the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

June 24, 2004—Mr. Stenholm moved to recommit with instructions to the Committee on the Budget.

June 24, 2004—The previous question on the motion to recommit with instructions was ordered without objection.

June 25, 2004—On motion to recommit with instructions failed by recorded vote: 196–218 (Roll No. 317).

June 25, 2004—On passage failed by recorded vote: 146–268 (Roll No. 318).

June 25, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

H.J.RES. 51

Sponsor—No Sponsor.

Date introduced—April 11, 2003.

Title—Increasing the statutory limit on the public debt.

June 4, 2002 Introduced in the Senate. Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.

April 11, 2003—On passage Deemed passed.

April 11, 2003—Received in the Senate.

April 30, 2003—Read the first time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under Read the First Time.

May 1, 2003—Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 80.

May 23, 2003—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.833 Amendment SA 833 proposed by Senator Baucus 197. Reduced the amount by which the statutory limit on the public debt is increased.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.833 Amendment SA 833 not agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47–52. Record Vote Number: 197.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.834 Amendment SA 834 proposed by Senator Daschle. Expressed the sense of the Senate that Social Security cost-of-living adjustments should not be reduced.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.834 Motion to table amendment SA 834 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52–47. Record Vote Number: 198.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.832 Amendment SA 832 proposed by Senator Kennedy. Extended the Temporary Unemployment Compensation Act of 2002, to provide additional weeks of temporary extended unemployment compensation, and to make extended unemployment benefits under the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act temporarily available for employees.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.832 Motion to table amendment SA 832 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 50–49. Record Vote Number: 199.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.835 Amendment SA 835 proposed by Senator Feingold. Extended the current-law pay-as-you-go requirement.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.835 Point of order raised in Senate with respect to amendment SA 835.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.835 Motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to amendment SA 835 rejected in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 47–52. Record Vote Number: 200.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.835 Amendment SA 835 ruled out of order by the chair.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.836 Amendment SA 836 proposed by Senator Hollings. Limited the applicability of public debt limit to Social Security trust funds.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.836 Motion to table amendment SA 836 agreed to in Senate by Yea-Nay Vote. 52–46. Record Vote Number: 201.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.837 Amendment SA 837 proposed by Senator Dorgan. Imposed limits on United States foreign debt.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.837 Amendment SA 837 not agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.838 Amendment SA 838 proposed by Senator Harkin. Required estimates of certain decreases in Federal revenues for periods after the decrease is sunset.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.838 Amendment SA 838 not agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.839 Amendment SA 839 proposed by Senator Durbin. Required a CBO report on any new debt created by a budget resolution upon the reporting of that budget resolution.

May 23, 2003—S.AMDT.839 Amendment SA 839 not agreed to in Senate by Voice Vote.

May 23, 2003—Passed Senate without amendment by Yea-Nay Vote. 53–44. Record Vote Number: 202.

May 23, 2003—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

May 23, 2003—Cleared for White House.

May 23, 2003—Presented to President.

May 27, 2003—Signed by President.

May 27, 2003—Became Public Law No: 108–24.

S. 2986

Sponsor—Sen. Bill Frist [R-TN].

Date introduced—November 16, 2004.

Title—A bill to amend title 31 of the United States Code to increase the public debt limit.

November 16, 2004—Introduced in the Senate. Read twice. Ordered Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 805.

November 17, 2004—Measure laid before Senate by unanimous consent.

November 17, 2004—Rules Committee Resolution H.Res. 856 Reported to House. Rule provided for consideration of S. 2986 with 1 hour of general debate. Previous question considered as ordered without intervening motions. The resolution provided for one motion to recommit. Measure considered read. Bill was closed to amendments.

November 17, 2004—Passed Senate without amendment by Yeas and Nays Vote. 52–44. Record Vote Number: 213.

November 17, 2004—Received in the House.

November 17, 2004—Message on Senate action sent to the House.

November 17, 2004—Held at the desk.

November 18, 2004—Rule H.Res. 856 passed House.

November 18, 2004—Considered under the provisions of rule H.Res. 856.

November 18, 2004—The previous question was ordered pursuant to the rule.

November 18, 2004—Mr. Stenholm moved to commit with instructions to Ways and Means.

November 18, 2004—The previous question on the motion to commit with instructions was ordered without objection.

November 18, 2004—On motion to commit with instructions failed by the Yeas and Nays: 194–218 (Roll No. 535).

November 18, 2004—On passage Passed by recorded vote: 208–204 (Roll No. 536).

November 18, 2004—Motion to reconsider laid on the table agreed to without objection.

November 18, 2004—Cleared for White House.

November 18, 2004—Presented to President.

November 19, 2004—Signed by President.

November 19, 2004—Became Public Law No: 108–415.

The following is a complete list of the measures, which were referred to the Committee on the Budget during the 108th Congress.

Bills and Resolutions Referred to the Budget Committee

Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Bill Title
H.CON.RES.401	Hon. David Obey [D-WI-7]	Revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005.
H.RES.583	Hon. David Obey [D-WI-7]	Revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005, as passed the House.
H.RES.685	Hon. David Obey [D-WI-7]	Revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 as it applies in the House of Representatives.
H.RES.709	Hon. Virgil H. Goode, Jr. [R- VA-5]	Revising the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2005 as it applies in the House of Representatives.
H.J.RES.69	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R-FL- 10]	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2004, and for other purposes.
H.J.RES.107	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R-FL- 10]	Making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2005, and for other purposes.
H.R.127	Hon. Rush D. Holt [D-NJ-12]	To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to preserve all budget surpluses until legislation is enacted significantly extending the solvency of the Social Security and Medicare trust funds.
H.R.180	Hon. Paul Ryan [R- WI-1]	To reform Federal budget procedures to restrain congressional spending, foster greater oversight of the budget, account for accurate Government agency costs, and for other purposes.
H.R.855	Hon. Rep Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	To encourage Members of Congress and the executive branch to be honest with the public about true on-budget circumstances, to exclude the Social Security trust funds and the Medicare hospital insurance trust fund from the annual Federal budget baseline, to prohibit Social Security and Medicare hospital insurance trust funds surpluses to be used as offsets for tax cuts or spending increases, and to exclude the Social Security trust funds and the Medicare hospital insurance trust fund from official budget surplus/deficit pronouncements.
H.R.862	Hon. Patrick J. Toomey [R-PA- 15]	To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to protect Social Security beneficiaries against any reduction in benefits.
H.R.1040	Hon. Barbara Lee [D-CA-9]	To establish a living wage, jobs for all policy for all peoples in the United States and its territories, and for other purposes.
H.R.1175	Hon. J. Gresham Barrett [R-SC- 3]	To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits through fiscal year 2008, to extend paygo for direct spending, and for other purposes.
H.R.1278	Hon. Baron P. Hill [D-IN-9]	To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to extend the discretionary spending caps and the pay-as-you-go requirement, and for other purposes.
H.R.1565	Hon. Tammy Bald- win [D-WI-2]	To establish a National Center for Military Deployment Health Research in the Department of Health and Human Services to provide an independent means for the conduct and coordination of research into issues relating to the deployment of members of the Armed Forces overseas, and for other purposes.
H.R.1578	Hon. Mark Udall [D-CO-2]	To promote and coordinate global change research, and for other purposes.
H.R.2088	Hon. Don Young [R-AK]	To authorize funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs, and for other purposes.
H.R.2153	Hon. Rep Gephardt, Richard A. [D- MO-3]	To review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal subsidies.
H.R.2156	Hon. Charles B. Rangel [D-NY- 15]	To provide for a temporary increase in the public debt limit.
H.R.2242	Hon. Patrick J. Ken- nedy [D-RI-1]	To amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to include Indian tribes among the entities consulted with respect to activities carried out by the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for other purposes.

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Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Bill Title
H.R.2323	Hon. Michael Bilirakis [R–FL–9]	To amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund be excluded from the budget of the United States Government.
H.R.2432	Hon. Doug Ose [R–CA–3]	To amend the Paperwork Reduction Act and titles 5 and 31, United States Code, to reform Federal paperwork and regulatory processes.
H.R.2859	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R–FL–10]	Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2003.
H.R.3082	Hon. Joseph M. Hoeffel [D–PA–13]	To review, reform, and terminate unnecessary and inequitable Federal payments, benefits, services, and tax advantages.
H.R.3087	Hon. Don Young [R–AK]	To provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.
H.R.3088	Hon., Don Young [R–AK]	To provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.
H.R.3146	Hon. William M. Thomas, [R–CA–22]	To extend the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program, and certain tax and trade programs, and for other purposes.
H.R.3358	Hon. Jeb Hensarling [R–TX–5]	To require a balanced Federal budget by fiscal year 2009 and for each year thereafter, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, to establish biennial budgets, to amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to impose spending safeguards on the growth of entitlements and discretionary spending, and to enforce those requirements through a budget process involving the President and Congress and sequestration.
H.R.3381	Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton [D–DC]	To enhance the rights of crime victims, to establish grants for local governments to assist crime victims, and for other purposes.
H.R.3533	Hon. Jim Saxton [R–NJ–3]	To amend the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990 to require appropriations to cover the estimated subsidy costs of monetary resources provided by the United States Government to the International Monetary Fund, and for other purposes.
H.R.3800	Hon. Jeb Hensarling [R–TX–5]	To reform Federal budget procedures, to impose spending safeguards, to combat waste, fraud, and abuse, to account for accurate Government agency costs, and for other purposes.
H.R.3853	Hon. J. Gresham Barrett [R–SC–3]	To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits through fiscal year 2009, to extend paygo for direct spending, and for other purposes.
H.R.3925	Hon. Mark Steven Kirk [R–IL–10]	To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to reform Federal budget procedures, provide for budget discipline, accurately account for Government spending, and for other purposes.
H.R.3937	Hon. Doc Hastings [R–WA–4]	To amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to establish macroeconomic congressional budgets.
H.R.3973	Hon. Jim Nussle [R–IA–1]	To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits and pay-as-you-go through fiscal year 2009.
H.R.3995	Hon. Baron P. Hill [D–IN–9]	To amend the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 and the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to extend the discretionary spending caps and the pay-as-you-go requirement, and for other purposes.
H.R.4074	Hon. Nick Smith [R–MI–7]	To amend section 1105 of title 31, United States Code, to require the President to include the estimated unfunded liabilities of all Federal programs in annual budget submissions.
H.R.4500	Hon. Sherwood L. Boehlert [R–NY–24]	To provide for energy research and development.
H.R.4503	Hon. Joe Barton [R–TX–6]	To enhance energy conservation and research and development, to provide for security and diversity in the energy supply for the American people, and for other purposes.

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Resolution/Bill	Sponsor	Bill Title
H.R.4631	Hon. Dennis J. Kucinich [D—OH—10]	To fund capital projects of State and local governments, and for other purposes.
H.R.4648	Hon. Jim Nussle [R—IA—1]	To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish a pay-as-you-go requirement for mandatory spending.
H.R.4649	Hon. Jim Nussle [R—IA—1]	To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to extend the discretionary spending limits.
H.R.4663	Hon. Jim Nussle [R—IA—1]	To amend part C of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 to establish discretionary spending limits and a pay-as-you-go requirement for mandatory spending.
H.R.4851	Hon. Paul Ryan [R—WI—1]	To reform Social Security by establishing a Personal Social Security Savings Program.
H.R.5005	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R—FL—10]	Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, for additional disaster assistance.
H.R.5072	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R—FL—10]	Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, for additional disaster assistance relating to hurricane damage, and for other purposes.
H.R.5183	Hon. Don Young [R—AK]	To provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.
H.R.5184	Hon. Don Young [R—AK]	To provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.
H.R.5212	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R—FL—10]	Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for additional disaster assistance relating to storm damage, and for other purposes.
H.R.5227	Hon. C. W. Bill Young [R—FL—10]	Making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2005, for additional disaster assistance relating to natural disasters, and for other purposes.
H.R.5235	Hon. Dennis Moore [D—KS—3]	To amend title II of the Social Security Act to ensure that the receipts and disbursements of the Social Security trust funds are not included in a unified Federal budget.
S.141	Hon. Sen. Olympia J. Snowe [R—ME]	A bill to improve the calculation of the Federal subsidy rate with respect to certain small business loans, and for other purposes.

The following section lists all of the Committee Reports filed with the House by the Committee on the Budget as well as all of the hearings held by the Committee.

Committee Reports

Report No.	Bill No.	Date	Title
108-37	H.Con.Res. 95	3/17/2003	Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—Fiscal Year 2004
108-441	H.Con.Res. 393	3/19/2004	Concurrent Resolution on the Budget—Fiscal Year 2005
108-442	H.R. 3973	3/19/2004	Spending Control Act of 2004

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Date	Report No.	Hearing Title	Witnesses
2/4/2003	108-1	The President's Budget For Fiscal Year 2004	Honorable Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. Director, Office of Management and Budget.
2/5/2003	108-2	Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004	Honorable John W. Snow, Secretary, Department of the Treasury
2/12/2003	108-3	Department of the Transportation Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004	Honorable Michael P. Jackson, Deputy Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Honorable Nick J. Rahall II
2/13/2003	108-4	State Department Budget Priorities for Fiscal Year 2004	Honorable Colin Powell, Secretary, State Department
2/26/2003	108-5	Department of Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Priorities	Panel I: Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services. Panel II: Gail R. Wilensky, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Project Hope; Judy Feder, Ph.D., Dean of Policy Studies, Georgetown University.
2/27/2003	108-6	Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Priorities	Honorable Paul D. Wolfowitz, Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense.
3/6/2003	108-7	Members' Day	Hon. Don Young (AK); Hon. James L. Oberstar (MN); Hon. Ike Skelton (MO); Hon. Kevin Brady (TX); Hon. John Tierney (MA); Hon. Tom Latham (IA); Hon. Heather Wilson (NM); Hon. Dennis J. Kucinich (OH); Hon. Lee Terry (NE); Hon. Bill Pascrell, Jr. (NJ); Hon. Brian Baird (WA); Hon. Jim Cooper (TN); Hon. Frank A. LoBiondo (NJ); Hon. Vernon J. Ehlers (MI); Hon. Denny Rehberg (MT); Hon. Rush D. Holt (NJ); Hon. Tom Allen (ME); Hon. Madeleine Bordallo (GU); Hon. Donna M. Christensen (VI); Hon. Paul Kanjorski (PA); Hon. Susan A. Davis (CA); Hon. Rob Simmons (CT); Hon. Robin Hayes (NC); Hon. Tom Osborne (NE); Hon. Mark Steven Kirk (IL); Hon. Mike D. Rogers (AL).
3/12/2003	108-8	Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Resolution Mark-up	
3/25/2003	108-9	CBO Analysis of the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget	Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office
6/18/2003	108-10	Waste, Fraud and Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs	Panel I: Honorable David M. Walker, Comptroller General, U.S. General Accounting Office. Panel II: Robert S. McIntyre, Director, Citizens for Tax Justice

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7/09/2003	108–11	A Closer Look: Inspectors General Address Waste, Fraud, Abuse in Federal Mandatory Programs	Kenneth M. Meade, Inspector General, Department of Transportation; Dana Corrigan, Acting Principal Deputy Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Phyllis K. Fong, Inspector General, Department of Agriculture; Anne Sigmund, Acting Inspector General, Department of State; Kenneth M. Donohue, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Pam Gardiner, Deputy Inspector General for Audit, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; John P. Higgins Jr., Inspector General, Department of Education; Everett L. Mosley, Inspector General, Agency for International Development; Johnnie E. Frazier, Inspector General, Department of Commerce; Hubert T. Bell, Inspector General, Nuclear Regulatory Commission; Gordon S. Heddell, Inspector General, Department of Labor; Glenn Fine, Inspector General, Department of Justice; James G. Huse, Jr., Inspector General, Social Security Administration; Richard J. Griffin, Inspector General, Department of Veterans Affairs; Joseph E. Schmitz, Inspector General, Department of Defense; Daniel Levinson, Inspector General, General Services Administration; Earl E. Devaney, Inspector General, Department of Interior; Patrick E. McFarland, Inspector General, Office of Personnel Management; Dr. Leonard E. Burman, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, Urban Institute
7/16/2003	108–12	Mid-Session Review Budget of the United States Government	Honorable Joshua B. Bolten, Director, Office of Management and Budget.
7/24/2003	108–13	Economic Effects of Long-Term Federal Obligations	Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.
9/04/2003	108–14	CBO: Update of the Budget and Economic Outlook	Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.
10/16/2003	108–15	Department of Defense Long-Term Budget Issues	Panel I: Honorable Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense. Panel II: Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.
1/27/2004	108–16	The Budget and Economic Outlook Fiscal Years 2005–2014	Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Office.
2/3/2004	108–17	The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2005	Panel I: Honorable Joshua B. Bolten, Director, Office of Management and Budget. Panel II: N. Gregory Mankiw, Chairman, Council of Economic Advisers; Peter R. Orszag, Ph.D., Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution.
2/4/2004	108–18	Department of Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005	Panel I: Honorable John W. Snow, Secretary, Department of the Treasury; Panel II: Henry J. Aaron, Bruce and Virginia MacLaury Senior Fellow, the Brookings Institution
2/11/2004	108–19	Department of Education Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005	Panel I: Honorable Roderick R. Paige, Secretary, Department of Education; Panel II: Lisa Graham Keegan, CEO, Education Leaders Council; Honorable George Miller, Ranking Minority Member, Education and the Workforce Committee.
2/12/2004	108–20	Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005	Panel I: Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs; Panel II: Richard A. Jones, National Legislative Director, AMVETS; Rick Surratt, Deputy National Legislative Director, Disabled American Veterans; Paul A. Hayden, National Legislative Service Dep. Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
2/25/2004	108–21	The Economic Outlook and Current Fiscal Issues	Honorable Alan Greenspan, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System
2/26/2004	108–22	Department of Health and Human Services Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2005	Panel I: Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, Secretary, Department of Education; Panel II: Alan Weil, Urban Institute.

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Date	Report No.	Hearing Title	Witnesses
3/03/2004	108–23	Members' Day	Honorable Don Young (AK), Honorable Duncan Hunter (CA); Honorable Ike Skelton (MT); Honorable Lane Evans (IL); Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo (NJ); Honorable Robin Hayes (NC); Honorable Mark Steven Kirk (IL); Honorable Todd Tiahrt (KS); Honorable Vernon J. Ehlers (MI); Honorable Paul Ryan (WI); Honorable Wally Herger (CA); Honorable George Radanovich (CA); Honorable Marsha Blackburn (TN); Honorable E. Clay Shaw, Jr. (FL); Honorable Mike Rogers (AL); Honorable Ed Case (HI); Honorable Darrell E. Issa (CA); Honorable Jeff Miller (FL); Honorable Madeleine Z. Bordallo (GU); Honorable Mike Ross (AK); Honorable Rodney Alexander (LA); Honorable Rush D. Holt (NJ); Honorable John Abney Culberson (TX); Honorable Rob Simmons (CT); Honorable Jeff Flake (AZ); Honorable Jeb Bradley (NH).
3/11/2004 and 3/17/2004	108–24	Mark-up of the Fiscal Year 2005 Budget Resolution	No witness
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9/8/2004	108–26	Update of the Budget and Economic Outlook	Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, Congressional Budget Of- fice
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